

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

IN RE: RUDOLPH B. CHAVEZ

No. 1:25-mc-00021-KG

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico ordered that Rudolph B. Chavez is “SUSPENDED” from the practice of law effective March 18, 2025. Order, *In the Matter of Rudolph B. Chavez*, No. S-1-SC-40808, filed March 18, 2025 (N.M.).

The Local Rules of Civil Procedure for the District of New Mexico do not allow an attorney who has been suspended from the practice of law to practice before this Court:

An attorney admitted to the bar of this court must remain in good standing in all courts where admitted. In good standing means not suspended or disbarred by any court for any reason. An attorney whose suspension or disbarment has been stayed by order of the disciplining court prior to the effective date of the suspension or disbarment remains in good standing. An attorney who is not in good standing may not practice before the bar of this court or continue to be an attorney or record in any pending case....

D.N.M.LR-Civ. 83.2(c) (“Rule of Good Standing”).

Mr. Chavez shall, within 30 days of entry of this Order, show cause in writing why the Court should not suspend him in accordance with D.N.M.LR-Civ. 83.2(c) due to his suspension by the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico. The written response to this Order to Show Cause must address the standards for relief from the Rule of Good Standing. *See* D.N.M.LR-Civ. 83.2(d)(2).

Mr. Chavez may, within 30 days of entry of this Order, request that the undersigned appoint a Panel of Judges to review the State of New Mexico’s disciplinary proceedings. *See* D.N.M.LR-Civ. 83.10(a). If Mr. Chavez does not request the appointment of a panel of Judges, the undersigned will review his response and determine whether suspension, disbarment or other

discipline is appropriate. If Mr. Chavez requests a hearing, he must state the reasons why he believes a hearing is necessary. *See* D.N.M.LR-Civ. 83.10(a) (“The Chief District Judge will appoint a panel of federal judges ... [which may] *if necessary*, conduct a hearing to determine whether discipline, suspension or disbarment is appropriate”) (emphasis added). Because the undersigned or the Panel may decide it is not necessary to conduct a hearing to determine whether discipline, suspension or disbarment is appropriate, Mr. Chavez’s response to this Order to Show Cause must include all the materials Mr. Chavez wishes the undersigned or the Panel to consider.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mr. Chavez shall, within 30 days of entry of this Order, show cause in writing why the Court should not suspend him from the practice of law in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. Failure to timely show cause will result in suspension.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ KENNETH J. GONZALES¹
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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